MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No. So far as I know, the whole land has not yet been handed over.

MR. R SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : May I know whether the amount mentioned in part (*c*) of the answer has been used for acquiring the land ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : May I know whether money has been used for that purpose ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : No.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : May I know why ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Because the award has not been made.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know whether Government are aware that there is a good deal of traffic in that place?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Government are aware that there is a certain amount of traffic.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : May I know why no allotment was made in the Budget, though sanction was made as early as 1932 ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : Because there were more important bridges to be taken up before this bridge was taken up.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know the purpose for which the amount of Rs. 23-6-11 was spent ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I cannot give an answer to that now.

The Arianad Bridge.

25. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Arianad bridge is an important bridge ;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the above bridge is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition and

(*c*) whether they are aware that the people are undergoing various difficulties as a result of the neglected condition of the bridge ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) :

(*a*) The bridge has a fair amount of traffic.

(*b*) They do not consider it to be so.

(*c*) No.

MR. S. J NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the Government or the Chief Engineer has received any representation from the public of Arianad for the reconstruction of the bridge ?

MR. G. B E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : I have not received any one myself.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Government have received any representation from the public?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether I am putting these questions to the Government or to the Chief Engineer?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): To the Chief Engineer to be answered on behalf of Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): That is why I ask whether the Government is aware whether any representation has been received by the Government or the Chief Engineer from the public of Arianad or from any other part of the taluk for the reconstruction of the bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I said I have no information. But I will say that the bridge that the member refers to is now in fair condition.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Nedumangad Tahsildar has made any representation either to the Government or the Revenue Commissioner for the reconstruction of that bridge?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

Traffic from Uzhamalakkal Pakuthi Cutcherry to Arianad bridge.

26. ❋ MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the passenger traffic and other traffic are closed from Uzhamalakkal Pakuthi Cutcherry to Arianad bridge and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, how long it is since it was closed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*):

(*a*) Wheeled traffic alone was closed.

(*b*) From about the beginning of 1109.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the purpose with which wheeled traffic was closed in the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Owing to the unsafe condition of the bridge on the 8th mile 3rd furlong.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether it is a bridge or a culvert?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I take it that it is a bridge.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government the length of the bridge as well as its width?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I must ask for notice.

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